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Leicester. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1850.

My dear Sir,

By the last Steamship from Liverpool, I received letters from my friends in Bristol (Eng<sup>?</sup>), Messrs. Estlin and Armstrong, in which they speak of your visit to that city. I also allude to some statements of yours respecting the Anti-Slavery movement in this country.

I extract from their letters the portions which relate to this topic, and beg you to inform me if these friends have correctly understood and represented what you said at Bristol on the subject

(From the letter of J. B. Estlin, Esq.  
to Samuel May Jr.)

" Dr. E. B. Hall was here 2 or 3 weeks ago, & preached for us at our chapel: I was not well enough to see him. x x x Miss Carpenter conversed with Dr. H. upon the Boston Bazaar.

He said, (at least so we understood from her) that he had wished his wife & family not to have their names mixed up with it, as the Agents of



the Society, which it is connected with, were employed by the Society to lecture, during divine service in other chapels, upon Anti-Sabbatarianism & other objectionable subjects. Such was Miss Carpenter's impression of the nature of Dr. Hall's complaint. x x x She also understood that you appointed the Agents to this service.

[From the letter of Rev. Geo. Armstrong to ?]  
"We had lately the pleasure of a short S. M. for but interesting visit from the Rev. Dr. Hall of Rhode Island - x x x x He is an earnest well-wisher and sympathizer, though he cannot quite accommodate himself to the roughnesses of the more ardent Abolitionists. He does not like, nor do I, lecturers of that party - not being whole-hog "disciples of the Liberator" - selecting the hours of public worship on Sundays to draw people together on the subject of their mission. Dr. Hall states this to be the practice in some instances, and I think it is giving offence, without any adequate benefit to justify it. Perhaps you can explain; if so, I shall be obliged by a little more light."



It is my intention to reply to Mr. Armstrong,  
according to his request, and to Mr. Estlin also.  
It will facilitate my performance of this duty,  
and remove obstacles to a full understand-  
ing of the matter on their part, if you will  
inform me, as before said, if you were  
correctly understood, by the friends at Bristol,  
in your remarks on this subject.

I am, Very truly, Yours

(Signed) Samuel May Jr.

Rev. Dr. Hall,  
Providence, R. I.

Nov. 1.  
(of a Correspondence  
with Rev. Dr. E. B. Hall  
of Providence, R.I.  
upon our  
Holding A. S. meetings on Sunday